

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously presented): A chicken astrovirus type 2 (CAstV-2), characterised in that the virus is the CAstV deposited under accession no. I-2932 at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes (CNCM) of the Institute Pasteur, Paris, France or a CAstV-2 that is able to induce antiserum that neutralises the deposited virus.

Claims 2 – 3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended): ~~A vaccine for use in the protection of poultry against disease caused by avian astrovirus infection, characterised in that the vaccine comprises~~ An immunogenic composition comprising a CAstV-2 according to claim 1, together with a pharmaceutical pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
5. (Currently amended): The vaccine immunogenic composition according to claim 4, characterized in the CAstV-2 is in a live attenuated form.
6. (Currently amended): The ~~vaccine according to claims 4, characterized in that the vaccine further comprises~~ immunogenic composition of claim 4, further comprising one or more vaccine components of other pathogens infectious to poultry.

7. (Currently amended): The ~~vaccine~~ immunogenic composition according to claim 4, ~~wherein the vaccine comprises further comprising~~ an adjuvant.
8. (Previously presented): A method for the preparation of CAstV-2 antigen material, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is propagated in a cell culture and subsequently harvested from the cell culture.
9. (Currently amended): A method for the preparation of ~~a vaccine according to claim 4, an immunogenic composition~~, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is mixed with a ~~pharmaceutical pharmaceutically~~ acceptable carrier or a diluent.
10. (Currently amended): A method for ~~the protection of raising an immune response in~~ poultry, against ~~disease caused by~~ avian astrovirus, ~~infection~~, comprising administering ~~a vaccine an immunogenic composition~~ according to claim 4 to poultry.